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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, County Manager

RE: Item L.1., Letter in Support for the Statewide Advancement of Feature Enhancements at Intercity Passenger Rail Crossings (SAFE-IPR) Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 27, 2026, authorized the Chair to execute a letter in support for Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program for the SAFE-IPR Program.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

cc: Each Commissioner



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January 27, 2026

The Honorable David Fink
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE W-32
Washington, DC 20590
United States

RE: Letter of Support for the Statewide Advancement of Feature Enhancements at Intercity Passenger Rail Crossings (SAFE-IPR) Program

Dear Administrator Fink,

On behalf of Brevard County, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under the Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program for the Statewide Advancement of Feature Enhancements at Intercity Passenger Rail Crossings (SAFE-IPR) Program.

This initiative aligns closely with the strategic priorities of the U.S. Department of Transportation and FRA by advancing investments that improve safety, enhance state of good repair, strengthen system durability, and modernize critical transportation infrastructure. From a local government perspective, the SAFE-IPR Program also supports improved system operations by reducing delays and improving travel time reliability for intercity passenger rail service operating through our community.

The SAFE-IPR Program's statewide, programmatic approach to implementing safety countermeasures at 910 intercity passenger rail crossings, including those crossings within our jurisdiction, reflects a comprehensive and coordinated strategy for addressing safety risks that affect communities across Florida. Proposed improvements, including upgraded traffic control devices, enhanced pedestrian treatments, improved lighting, and revised approach geometries, will help reduce safety risks at crossings while improving the movement of people and goods, emergency response operations, and quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses within Brevard County. As improvements are advanced, Brevard County will work with FDOT to facilitate access to right-of-way, as needed, to support timely and efficient program implementation.

Brevard County supports the SAFE-IPR Program and believes it will play a critical role in advancing a safer, more reliable, and more resilient transportation system at both the local and statewide levels. To express our dedication to comprehensive rail improvements, Brevard County commits to working with FDOT to establish an appropriate contribution level to support this valuable program and reinforce our pledge to the safety and efficiency of our rail and road users. We appreciate FDOT's leadership in advancing this effort and look forward to continued coordination with the Department and project partners as safety improvements are implemented at crossing locations within our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thad Altman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thad Altman, District 5, Chair

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners